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ENP01F 075131 21 0296-75 FOLLOW-UP NR ONE TO SPOT REPORT 21 0293-75, DTG:

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FM: ((UNIDENTIFIED MR559 ASSOCIATE)) TO: ((UNIDENTIFIED FORWARD ELEMENT GROUP 472)) ((EXTRACT)) SUGGEST THAT THE MISSION BE TURNED OVER TO THE TRANSPORTATION DIRECTORATE SO THEY MAY ASSIGN TRUCKS TO MOVE THE POW'S. AS FOR THE PROBLEM OF MOVING TROOPS TO COSVN, THERE ARE MORE THAN 5000 REMAINING IN THE ROUTE 14 SYSTEM. THEY WILL CONTINUE TO BE TRANSFERRED TO AT DONG XOAI, BUT THE TROOPS ON THIS SIDE WILL NOT BE GOING IN THAT DIRECTION ANYMORE. BEGINNING TODAY, THEY WILL BE SENT TO BIEN HOA FOR TRANSFER. ONLY THOSE REMAINING IN THE WESTERN SYSTEM ALONG WITH THE SUPPLY STORES THERE WILL BE SENT TO DONG XOAI. ALSO, THERE ARE 800 SICK AND WOUNDED AT LA VA KHE ((UNLOCATED)) WHICH THE DIRECTORATE CANNOT PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FOR. WE REQUEST THAT COSVN PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION AND BRING THEM TEMPORARILY TO BIEN HOA SO THAT WE MAY CONTINUE TO TRANSPORT THEM FROM BIEN HOA OUTWARD ALONG ROUTE ONE. THE TROOPS FOR THE THIRD CORPS WERE TRANSFERRED AT DONG XOAI AT NOON TODAY. THEY STILL NEED TO BE TRANSPORTED FROM DONG XOAI TO ZIEN THANH ((UNLOC)) WHICH IS ANOTHER 64 KILOMETERS FURTHER. PREVIOUSLY IT HAD BEEN ARRANGED THAT WE WERE TO TRANSFER AT DONG XOAI. BUT NOW THEY WANT US TO TRANSPORT FURTHER, BUT WE NEED A MESSAGE FROM THE MR559 DIRECTORATE BEFORE WE CAN DO THAT. I HAVE RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM B3 ((D)) WHICH STATED THAT WE WERE TO TRANSFER ((AT A POINT)) SEVEN KILOMETERS SOUTH OF ZIEN THANH RATHER THAN AT DONG XOAI. IF WE TRANSFER AT THAT POINT, IT WILL MEAN THAT WE MUST UNLOAD THE ONES WE HAVE TRANSPORTED TO DONG XOAI WHILE WE PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FOR THE TROOPS ALREADY THERE. IF THERE ARE 600 TO 700 PERSONNEL REMAINING THERE THEN WE COULD TRANSPORT THEM ALL IN ONE TRIP WHICH IS ((ONE REASON)) WHY WE DON'T WANT TO TRANSPORT THE POW'S. TODAY I COMMUNICATED TO HEADQUARTERS AND 603 ((E)) STATED THAT THE 577TH COMMO-LIAISON REGIMENT SHOULD BE CONTRACTED TO TRANSPORT THE POW'S. SO REPORT TO MR. TE IN REGARDS TO THE SITUATION SO VEHICLES CAN BE ASSIGNED. THIS IS ((577TH BEING ASSIGNED)) BECAUSE THE 61ST WOULD HAVE TO PERFORM ALL THEIR WORK IMMEDIATELY AND RETURN ALL AT ONCE IN ORDER TO RESOLVE THE POW SITUATION IN THE ROUTE 14 SYSTEM. WE HAVE TOLD 603 THAT THE 61ST CANNOT BEAR THIS ((ADDITIONAL)) RESPONSIBILITY. SO, GO AHEAD AND SPEAK TO THE 577TH ON THIS MATTER IN ORDER TO FORM A LIAISON WITH THE DIRECTORATE TO ASSIGN VEHICLES. BE SURE THAT THIS IS AN INFORMAL LIAISON ONLY BECAUSE 603 HAS STATED TO NO-ONE IS TO DEVIATE FROM THEIR INTENT. GO AHEAD AND TRANSPORT AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE AT THIS TIME AND WITHIN A FEW DAYS THE 61ST SHOULD BE FINISHED WITH THEIR MISSION. BY THE 12TH ((OF MAY)) THEY SHOULD BE FINISHED WITH THE REMAINING TRANSPORTATION WORK. BASICALLY, THE SITUATION IS THAT WE SHOULD HAVE THE

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ENTIRE COMPLEMENT TRANSPORTED FROM PLEIKU ON DOWN BY THE 12TH AND THE 61ST CAN
LEAVE THEN. AT PRESENT, THERE ARE 2200 PERSONNEL REMAINING AT PLEIKU, AND
TODAY WE UNLOADED ((ANOTHER)) 2300 ABOVE THERE. ((A)) UNLOCATED COMMO-LIAISON
STATION IN PLEIKU/DARLAC PROVINCE ((B)) UNLOCATED COMMO-LIAISON STATION ((C))
UNIDENTIFIED PERSONALITY ((D)) B3 FRONT, CENTRAL SOUTH VIETNAMESE HIGHLANDS
((E)) UNIDENTIFIED MR559 STAFF HEADQUARTERS ELEMENT NORTH VIETNAMESE PLAIN
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